

## NW faculty, staff and students meet challenges in Inner Quest program

A group of faculty, staff and students from Gallaudet's Northwest Campus recently clustered before a 12-foot wall in the Virginia countryside.

They faced a problem: How could all 10 of them, without using any equipment or outside assistance, scale the obstruction in their path?

They succeeded, but their reward was an even more difficult encounter—a precarious tightwire act in which they had to inch their way down a gossamer cable that stretched 300 yards from a tree platform to earth's safety.

Before the day was over the group dealt with a number of other challenges that put their creativity, physical stamina and, above all, spirit of teamwork to the test.

The series of obstacles was part of "Inner Quest, Inc.," a program developed by a Leesburg, Va., company to help individuals develop skills in group dynamics, promote social group unity and build self-esteem. Day-long sessions are held at the Madeira School in Great Falls, Va., for numerous groups, ranging from large corporations to families.

Inner Quest proved to be a big hit with new Northwest Campus students at a one-day session held in the summer of 1986 as part of their orientation program, according to Maria Waters, chair of the school's Department of Health and Physical Education.

"This year we said, 'Why don't faculty and staff join in order to establish a better rapport?'" Waters said.

So this fall, 260 students and employees took the Inner Quest challenge on either Oct. 25 or Nov. 1. Every department at the Northwest Campus, from maintenance through the dean's office, was represented.

The sessions, Waters said, "were tough, but by the end of each day the groups became very cohesive. I think it really improved the relationship among the faculty, students and staff."

Enhanced personal images, most notably among the students, were also achieved at Inner Quest, she said.

The challenges, although they appear to be dangerous, are actually perfectly safe. In the wire cable maneuver, for example, participants wear safety supports to ensure that they will not be injured if they lose their balance.

But the obstacles of overcoming personal fears, working through failure to find workable solutions and trusting others was very real.

"We saw this as important because in all areas of life we are faced with challenges where, if we meet frustrations in our jobs or our families, we know that there are alternatives to find success," said Waters.

The program was so successful, Waters said, that the Northwest Campus plans to establish the Inner Quest course as a regular part of its curriculum.



Northwest faculty, staff and students help each other over an obstacle at the Inner Quest program.

## NW office students gain experience

Students in an innovative degree program at the Northwest Campus don't just go to class—they go to work in an office.

Some students may work in the reception area, typing, filing or making copies. Students in the large workroom adjacent to the reception area can work on microcomputers or do word processing.

The new laboratory is just one of the things that makes the Office Systems Management program, now in its second year, special.

"Our real competitive edge when the students graduate is that they will have had hands-on experience," said Ken Epstein, assistant dean at the Northwest

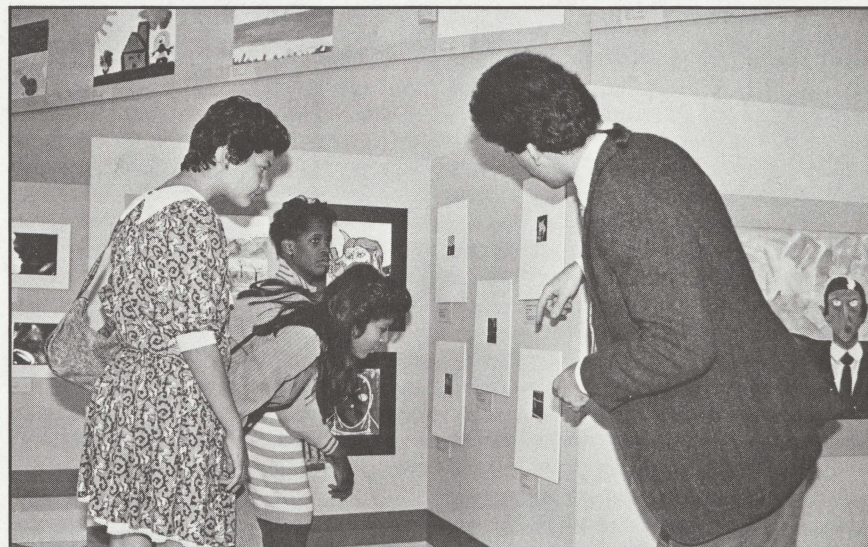
Campus, who helped establish the direction of the program.

The associate of applied science degree program in Office Systems Management began last January. This fall, the program accepted 15 new students and 17 returning students.

Assessment is the other cutting edge of the office systems program. Students are videotaped in action while they work. They conduct mock interviews and provide work samples. All of this work is evaluated to help increase their skills.

"We were able to design an assessment program where we can tell potential employers not just what classes our

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KDES middle school students Nicole Curry, Rose Quezada and Kendra Logan, and KDES art instructor Phillip Bogdan look at students' art on display at the Capital Children's Museum.

## KDES, MSSD students exhibit art at Capital Children's Museum

A popular misconception in the hearing world is that "people who are deaf are sad, sad people," said Mary Donald, project director of an art and science exhibit now on display at the Capital Children's Museum.

But "My Eyes Have Ears," an exhibit which showcases 70 pieces of artwork by students from KDES, MSSD and the Maryland School for the Deaf, seeks to debunk that myth.

The exhibit is a subset of "Sound and Silence," an exhibit funded in part by the Hasbro Children's Foundation, which seeks to share deaf children's view of the world with the public. It also strives to raise public awareness of the deaf person's environment by using a wide array of "hands-on" educational displays.

When she began assembling the art for the show more than a year ago, Donald "wanted to show that hearing impaired children will choose as many varieties of themes for their artwork as hearing children."

She said that she had hoped to get possibly five pieces of art from each school. But she was swamped with offerings—more than 1,000 expressions depicting what deaf children perceive of their world.

"I was stunned by how many pieces we got from just three schools," said Donald. "I wonder if hearing impaired children are better able to express what they have seen than hearing children," she added.

More than half of the art work in the show was done by Pre-College students, including prints, paintings and photography by KDES students and pencil, chalk and charcoal sketches and watercolor paintings by MSSD students.

The exhibit opened Oct. 5, but will have its complete inventory of offerings by the time of its formal national open-

ing Nov. 17. The opening will be held from 5:30-8 p.m.

The show will run at least until Jan. 31, but Donald said that if enough interest is expressed it will continue through the spring, at which time it will open at the National Children's Center in Beijing, China.

Although "My Eyes Have Ears" offers the public a unique opportunity to see the talent of these young deaf artists, "Sound and Silence" broadens the deaf experience theme.

"Children don't just look and walk on," as is practiced in the format of most art galleries, Donald said. "This whole exhibit is 'touch and do.'"

Visitors are invited, for example, to feel the vibrations of a speaker, or to watch sand dance in a bowl to the tune of the Beach Boys' "Good Vibrations." In addition, there are 26 brightly colored ladies' gloves shaped to form the manual alphabet, two videos entitled "The Deaf Experience" and "What Am I Saying?," plus TDDs to experiment with and closed captioned television to watch.

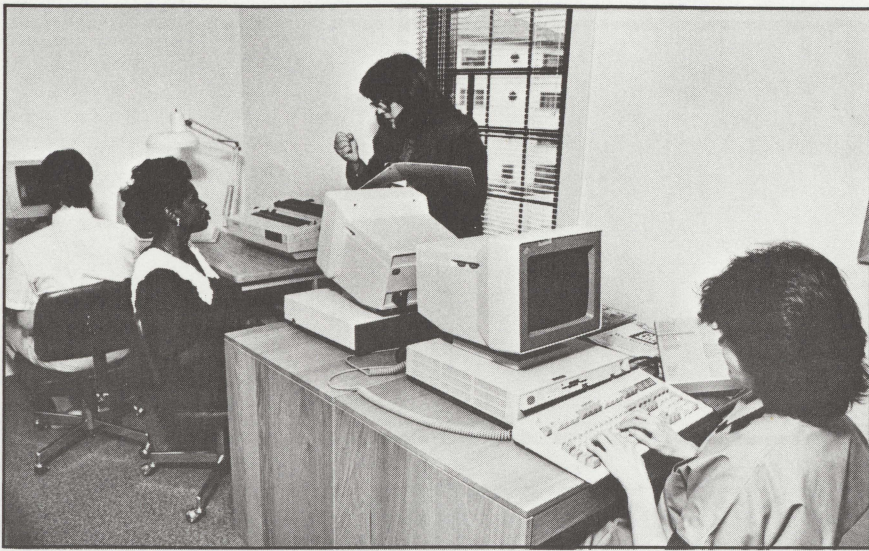
Phillip Bogdan, head of the KDES Fine and Applied Arts Program, commended the show for "allowing hearing children and adults to begin to understand the deaf perspective."

Bogdan said his students "have worked hard for a whole year and done some truly extraordinary things." Their work was so noteworthy, in fact, that it was chosen to grace the cover of the invitations for the national opening.

"The wonderful thing is that now the kids realize that their potential is limitless," Bogdan said.

"My Eyes Have Ears" can be seen at the Capital Children's Museum, 800 3rd St. NE, from 10 a.m.—1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 11 a.m.—4 p.m. on weekends.





Instructor Melinda Massaro works with her Office Systems Management program students in the office laboratory at the Northwest Campus. The program is now in its second year.

## Office program begins second year

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students have had, but what they can do," said Dr. Ann Davidson, dean of the School of Preparatory Studies.

Work skills are not the only thing evaluated. Students also learn about arriving at work on time, how to dress for an office and interpersonal skills.

"Employers tell us that if students are great on the computer but not good at interacting with other employees, they are not going to survive on the job," explained Eileen Matthews, chair of the Department of Technical Studies.

Last summer, students worked in internships with TEDI (Telecommunica-

tions Exchange for the Deaf, Inc.), NASA, the Department of Energy, the Bureau of Prisons, private companies and at the Northwest Campus.

Several men are in the program. "In fact, one of the men is the best typist we have," said Barbara Caldwell, an instructor who also works with student internships. "The men in the program are very enthusiastic about it."

A banquet and fashion show held Oct. 16 in "Ole Jim" helped kick off the second year of the program. Second year student Pamela Koliha was presented with a \$1,000 scholarship made available through the Science Applications International Corporation.

## Announcements

Campus community members can investigate various health plans by speaking with representatives at two annual Health Benefit Fairs. They will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Ely Center multipurpose room or 3-5 p.m. in the MSSD faculty lounge.

"Blending Male/Female Management Styles to Get Results" will be presented by Gertrude Galloway on Wednesday,

Nov. 18 from 4-5 p.m. in the upper level of the "Ole Jim." Galloway is the assistant principal of the Maryland School for the Deaf in Columbia, Md., and a member of the Federal Commission on Education for the Deaf. This is the sixth lecture in the series "Management and the Deaf Professional." For more information, call the National Academy at x5096.

The Counseling Center, located on the second floor of Ely Center, is changing its name to University Counseling Center. It will continue providing confidential personal counseling and mental health services to Gallaudet students.

Gallaudet's chapter of Professional Secretaries International is requesting donations of white elephants (books, pictures, toys, whatnots, etc.) for its Christmas auction/party to be held Monday, Dec. 7, at 5:30 p.m. in the "Ole Jim." For more information and/or to donate items, call voice or TDD, Joyce McPherson, x5299; Barbara Williams, x5350; Linda Barries, x5154 or Ethylene DeStefano, x5200.

Advocates for Hearing Impaired Youth, Inc., will hold its annual meeting on Monday, Nov. 23, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Ely Center multipurpose room. A social hour at 5:30 will be followed by the meeting at 6:30. The program will focus on deaf children in foster care and adoption systems. All interested people are welcome to attend.

## Thanksgiving contributions sought

Gallaudet social work students and faculty are again helping make Thanksgiving a special holiday for needy families through their involvement with Project Harvest, a local charitable organization.

Hundreds of volunteers will be gathering in Project Harvest's office in the YMCA building on W Street NW to prepare baskets of canned goods, fresh vegetables, and fresh hams and turkeys. Social workers from various schools and agencies will then deliver them to families.

Gallaudet's involvement with the project began eight years ago under the direction of MSSD social worker Beth Betman. Annual contributions from both MSSD and University faculty and staff are donated to Project Harvest to help purchase turkeys and fresh produce.

For the past several years MSSD students have also volunteered their time to help prepare the food baskets, which are then delivered by MSSD social

workers to the families of students who are in need.

In addition, Gallaudet's Social Work Club volunteers time to prepare baskets and deliver them to needy deaf families. They will be working closely with Char Doland, a deaf social worker at the D.C. Department of Human Services, who also helps supervise five social work interns from Gallaudet.

Anyone at Gallaudet who is interested in making contributions to Project Harvest, either of checks or canned food, can bring them to either Beth Betman, Department of Counseling and Development, MSSD, second floor, x5375; or to Barbara White, Social Work Club adviser, Department of Sociology and Social Work, West Office Building, Room C-2, x5160.

## Classified Ads

**WANTED:** Nonsmoking professional/graduate student to share 3-BR townhouse in Laurel, Md., furn./unfurn., pool, fireplace, \$300/mo. Call Lisa, x5018 or 725-4519 (TDD) after 2 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Oak roll top desk w/chair, good cond., \$350/BO; bedroom set inc. headboard, dresser w/mirror and night stand, good cond., \$450/BO. Call Marie, TDD only, 535-9657 days or 794-8409 eves.

**FOR SALE:** Sleep sofa, \$50; gas barbecue grill, \$50; TV cabinet, \$50; microwave cabinet, \$100; storage cabinet, \$25; bamboo blind, \$10; wood clock/lamp stand, \$75; picnic table, \$25. Call x7386 or 390-6247 (TDD) eves.

**FOR SALE:** Almond cycle-frost refrigerator, good cond., \$225/BO. Call 794-5712 (TDD) eves.

**FOR SALE:** One-way airline ticket to any major city, must use before Dec. 31, \$90. Call TDD only, x3055 or 340-6842.

**FOR RENT:** New bedroom, large windows, no smoking/pets, 20 mins. drive to Gallaudet, \$250/mo. inc. util., immediate occupancy. Call Marie, x3115 or 577-6809.

**FOR SALE:** '78 Plymouth Arrow, good transportation, \$400. Call Steve Lotterman, x5335 or 544-7558 (V) eves.

**FOR SALE:** Twin bed w/box spring and mattress, like new, quick sale, \$80; large Turbo toaster oven, scarcely used, \$25. Call Michele, 722-2377 (V/TDD).

**FOR SALE:** White French provincial hutch and desk w/chair, \$100; 4-drawer aqua chest, \$25. Contact Maryte, EMG, Room 202 or x5800.

## Job Openings

**Some of the advertised positions may already be filled.** The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

GRANT PROJECT COORDINATOR: National Academy

INFORMATION SPECIALIST II: Programs in Adult and Community Education

NURSE PRACTITIONER/SCHOOL NURSE: MSSD

TEACHER: Child Development Center

HUMAN RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM TECHNICIAN: Personnel

WORD PROCESSING SPECIALIST: School of Education and Human Services

COMMUNICATION CENTER AIDE: MSSD

ELECTRICIAN: Physical Plant

FACULTY POSITION: Department of Sign Communication

## MSSD presents dance concert

MSSD's Performing Arts Department will present its seventh annual Fall Dance Concert Nov. 18-21.

The concert will feature dances by 30 MSSD students, plus special performances Nov. 20 and 21 by students from the Duke Ellington School of the Arts.

All performances will be held in the MSSD auditorium at 8 p.m., with an additional matinee show at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 20.

Six local professionals are choreographing the dance numbers. Two of the choreographers are lending their talents to the production for the third consecutive year: Yola Rozynek, who is deaf and was a professional dancer in Israel for 18 years, and Eddie Haggerty, who won the 1986-87 award for best choreography from Northern Virginia's Alliance of Community Theatres.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Call x5466 for information and reservations.



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